

Remarks

Claims 5-8 and 11-14 are pending. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 11-14 have been indicated as allowable, and claims 5, 6, and 8 have been objected to, but allowable if amended to contain all the limitations of the base claim or claims.

Claim 5 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 1. Claims 6, 7, and 8 have been amended to depend from claim 5. The remaining claims have been cancelled without prejudice to the later filing of a continuation application containing the subject matter of the cancelled claims. Applicants expressly do not acquiesce to the rejection of the cancelled claims over the cited art.

Applicants submit that the claims are now in condition for Allowance, and respectfully request a Notice to that effect. If the Examiner believes that further discussion will advance the prosecution of the Application, she is highly encouraged to telephone Applicants' attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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